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MANAMA 1384

1. THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE STATE OF BAHRAIN KHALIFA BIN SALMAN AL-KHALIFA WILL SOON BE IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT (REF A). AS EMBASSIES CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON ARE AWARE (REF B) THE USG IS CONSIDERING AN INITIATIVE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF BAHRAIN WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE US NAVY CONTINUED USE OF BAHRAIN AS HEADQUARTERS AND HOME PORT FOR OUR SMALL NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE GULF AREA (MIDEASTFOR). IN THE ABSENCE OF SOME NEW UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GOB, MIDEASTFOR WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE BAHRAIN IN JUNE 1977.

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2. EMBASSY MANAMA HAS SUGGESTED (REF C), AND WE AGREE, THAT THE BAHRAINI PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON PROVIDES OUR ANZUS ALLIES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR A US NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA. THEREFORE, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME AND LEVEL, EMBASSIES CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON SHOULD SUGGEST, IN LOW KEY FASHION, TO OFFICERS

AT THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND NEW ZEALAND MFA THAT IF THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF DURING THE BAHRAINI PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT IN THEIR CAPITALS, THE USG WOULD APPRECIATE ANY WORDS OF SUPPORT THEIR GOVERNMENTS MIGHT OFFER REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO CONTINUED U.S. NAVY PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN/GULF AREA. WHILE WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THE GOB THE IMPRESSION WE ARE MOUNTING A CAMPAIGN OF PRESSURE UPON THEM, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REGISTER ON THE BAHRAINIS THAT THERE ARE OTHERS BESIDES THE USG THAT PERCEIVE A USEFULNESS IN MAINTAINING THE U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN/GULF AREA. ROBINSON

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